

## **5 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT**

DEPARTMENT OF NAVY ENERGY



- **Energy is mission critical.** We are transforming our energy use to make us better warfighters, deploying next-generation capabilities that boost combat effectiveness, maximize strategic options, and better protect our Sailors and Marines.
- **Efficiency increases combat capability.** Optimizing energy use is a force multiplier every kilowatt hour of electricity or gallon of fuel allows us to increase our range, on-station time, and operational capability.
- Alternative energy contributes to energy security. Diversifying our energy sources arms us with operational flexibility and strengthens our ability to provide presence, turning the tables on those who would use energy as a weapon against us.
- **Energy independence reduces vulnerabilities.** Using energy efficiently takes fuel convoys off the road and reduces the amount of time our ships are tied to oilers at sea, reducing risk to Sailors and Marines.
- You have a role to play. Look for ways to take action limit vehicle idling, ensure regular system maintenance schedules, and shut off unnecessary lighting, equipment, systems, and engines whenever operationally feasible.